

# HB5143



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HB5143

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### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

625 ILCS 5/2-112  
625 ILCS 5/6-109

from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-112

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that the Secretary of State shall include, in the Illinois Rules of the Road publication, information advising drivers to use the Dutch Reach method when opening a vehicle door. Provides that the Secretary of State shall include a test question concerning bicycle safety, of which one may be concerning the Dutch Reach method, in the question pool used for the written portion of the drivers license examination.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 2-112 and 6-109 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/2-112) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 2-112)

7 Sec. 2-112. Distribution of synopsis laws.

8 (a) The Secretary of State may publish a synopsis or  
9 summary of the laws of this State regulating the operation of  
10 vehicles and may deliver a copy thereof without charge with  
11 each original vehicle registration and with each original  
12 driver's license.

13 (b) The Secretary of State shall make any necessary  
14 revisions in its publications including, but not limited to,  
15 the Illinois Rules of the Road, to accurately conform its  
16 publications to the provisions of the Pedestrians with  
17 Disabilities Safety Act.

18 (c) The Secretary of State shall include, in the Illinois  
19 Rules of the Road publication, information advising drivers to  
20 use the Dutch Reach method when opening a vehicle door  
21 (checking the rear-view mirror, checking the side-view mirror,  
22 then opening the door with the right hand, thereby reducing the  
23 risk of injuring a bicyclist or opening the door in the path of

1 an oncoming vehicle).

2 (Source: P.A. 96-1167, eff. 7-22-10.)

3 (625 ILCS 5/6-109)

4 Sec. 6-109. Examination of Applicants.

5 (a) The Secretary of State shall examine every applicant  
6 for a driver's license or permit who has not been previously  
7 licensed as a driver under the laws of this State or any other  
8 state or country, or any applicant for renewal of such driver's  
9 license or permit when such license or permit has been expired  
10 for more than one year. The Secretary of State shall, subject  
11 to the provisions of paragraph (c), examine every licensed  
12 driver at least every 8 years, and may examine or re-examine  
13 any other applicant or licensed driver, provided that during  
14 the years 1984 through 1991 those drivers issued a license for  
15 3 years may be re-examined not less than every 7 years or more  
16 than every 10 years.

17 The Secretary of State shall require the testing of the  
18 eyesight of any driver's license or permit applicant who has  
19 not been previously licensed as a driver under the laws of this  
20 State and shall promulgate rules and regulations to provide for  
21 the orderly administration of all the provisions of this  
22 Section.

23 The Secretary of State shall include at least one test  
24 question that concerns the provisions of the Pedestrians with  
25 Disabilities Safety Act in the question pool used for the

1 written portion of the drivers license examination within one  
2 year after July 22, 2010 (the effective date of Public Act  
3 96-1167).

4 The Secretary of State shall include, in the question pool  
5 used for the written portion of the drivers license  
6 examination, a test question concerning bicycle safety, of  
7 which one may be concerning the Dutch Reach method as described  
8 in Section 2-112.

9 (b) Except as provided for those applicants in paragraph  
10 (c), such examination shall include a test of the applicant's  
11 eyesight, his ability to read and understand official traffic  
12 control devices, his knowledge of safe driving practices and  
13 the traffic laws of this State, and may include an actual  
14 demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary  
15 and reasonable control of the operation of a motor vehicle, and  
16 such further physical and mental examination as the Secretary  
17 of State finds necessary to determine the applicant's fitness  
18 to operate a motor vehicle safely on the highways, except the  
19 examination of an applicant 75 years of age or older shall  
20 include an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to  
21 exercise ordinary and reasonable control of the operation of a  
22 motor vehicle. All portions of written and verbal examinations  
23 under this Section, excepting where the English language  
24 appears on facsimiles of road signs, may be given in the  
25 Spanish language and, at the discretion of the Secretary of  
26 State, in any other language as well as in English upon request

1 of the examinee. Deaf persons who are otherwise qualified are  
2 not prohibited from being issued a license, other than a  
3 commercial driver's license, under this Code.

4 (c) Re-examination for those applicants who at the time of  
5 renewing their driver's license possess a driving record devoid  
6 of any convictions of traffic violations or evidence of  
7 committing an offense for which mandatory revocation would be  
8 required upon conviction pursuant to Section 6-205 at the time  
9 of renewal shall be in a manner prescribed by the Secretary in  
10 order to determine an applicant's ability to safely operate a  
11 motor vehicle, except that every applicant for the renewal of a  
12 driver's license who is 75 years of age or older must prove, by  
13 an actual demonstration, the applicant's ability to exercise  
14 reasonable care in the safe operation of a motor vehicle.

15 (d) In the event the applicant is not ineligible under the  
16 provisions of Section 6-103 to receive a driver's license, the  
17 Secretary of State shall make provision for giving an  
18 examination, either in the county where the applicant resides  
19 or at a place adjacent thereto reasonably convenient to the  
20 applicant, within not more than 30 days from the date said  
21 application is received.

22 (e) The Secretary of State may adopt rules regarding the  
23 use of foreign language interpreters during the application and  
24 examination process.

25 (Source: P.A. 96-1167, eff. 7-22-10; 96-1231, eff. 7-23-10;  
26 97-333, eff. 8-12-11.)